



FY 2024



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
ARP SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Capacity Building Grant

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



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The Office of Homeless Services offers the following addendum to the FY 2024 Request for Proposal for Capacity Building Grants funded by ARP Supported Services dollars:

Questions:

- 1) Would a residential reentry program that serves participants returning to the community directly from incarceration be eligible for this funding?**

Per the RFP, this grant may fund prevention programs, including respite care with exits to permanent housing and rental assistance and case management to those being discharged from prisons and institutions. All referrals must come through Coordinated Entry with verified homeless status prior to incarceration.

- 2) Is this funding exclusively for Housing First programs? Are we able to require certain services for our participants?**

All programs **must** utilize a low-barrier, Housing First approach in which housing assistance is offered without requiring compliance with treatment, medication, case management services, or any other type of services. Rules and requirements for all participants must be trauma-informed and every effort shall be made to retain a client before their premature exit from the program.

- 3) Can this funding be used to support programming for families?**

This funding may be used to support anyone experiencing homelessness, including individuals and/or families.

- 4) Can we use this funding to support our current Permanent Supportive Housing program? If so, do we have to expand our current programming or serve new clients?**

Yes. All programs applying for funds to support Permanent Supportive Housing must show how they will increase the amount of PSH for new clients with this funding.

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5) Could we use this funding to support Rapid ReHousing programming?

This funding is focused on expanding Permanent Supportive Housing programming.

6) Could this funding be used to serve families and individuals that are currently enrolled in Rapid ReHousing and will be transitioned into Permanent Supportive Housing because they need additional supports?

No. All families and individuals **must** be referred from literal homelessness through the Coordinated Entry system into expanded programming. Families and individuals that are currently receiving services through Rapid ReHousing would not be eligible for this funding.

7) May funding be allocated to multiple areas of use? For example, could we include development of a strategic plan, upgrading technology, and hiring staff to improve the quality of data collection?

Funding may be allocated to multiple areas of use. For example, funding could be awarded to support new technology, new staff, and other services that would increase the capacity of the organization. Funding, however, must also **increase** the services provided to clients or the total number of clients served. For this reason, funds will not go toward strategic planning or additional administrative functions.

8) Can we use funding to hire additional administrative / managerial staff that would not provide front-line services?

Funding may not go exclusively to equipment, strategic planning, or overhead staffing that does not include an increase in program offerings.

9) Is the hiring of a peer recovery specialist required?

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Funding will go **only** to programs that hire or engage a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist or an individual that is formally engaged in the certification process. Certification qualification can be found at www.tn.gov/behavioral-health.

10) Is there a cap on the amount of funding that we can request or a suggested amount?

There is no cap on the amount of funding that an agency can ask for, but funding should be commensurate with expansion of services. Applications must show a concrete increase in program offerings, types of services provided, or the number of individuals or families served if awarded these funds.

For any further questions or instructions, please email our Assistant Director of Planning and Research, Allison Cantway, at Allison.Cantway@nashville.gov